



Directions: Research tells us that direct instruction on vocabulary is extremely important in helping students with comprehension of texts, especially content area texts. Researcher Robert J. Marzano has developed a highly acclaimed 6-step method to help make new vocabulary words “sticky” for students. Try following these steps, and watch your students’ academic vocabulary grow! All you need to do to get started is to have students set up their own vocabulary notebooks. They will use one page per word.

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Provide a description, example, or explanation of the word.

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Have students restate, using their own words.

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Have students act out the word, or provide a pictorial representation of it.

Marzano’s 6-Step Method

Have students do different activities with the word, using their vocabulary notebooks.



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Have students regularly discuss the word among themselves.



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Have students play games with the words. They can often come up with clever game ideas!



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